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SUBJECT ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD LEBANESE RELIEF

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1. MISSION HAS JUST BEEN NOTIFIED BY RED CROSS (ISSLER) OF \$350,000 DONATION RECEIVED THIS MORNING FROM SAUDI ARABIA FOR ICRC OPERATIONS IN LEBANON, PLUS TWO PLANE LOADS OF MEDICAMENTS VALUED AT \$150,000. IN ADDITION, KUWAIT HAS PLEDGED SIX TONS OF MEDICAMENTS FOR THIS OPERATION. PLANES ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CYPRUS TODAY.

2. ISSLER GRIPED MILDLY THAT WHILE ANY "MEDICAMENTS" ARE OF COURSE WELCOME, ICRC IS NEVER INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL PRECISELY WHAT IS INCLUDED. THIS, HE SAYS, POSES PLANNING PROBLEM UNTIL ACTUAL DELIVERY.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS COORDINATOR REPORTED GENEVA'S 6057, ICRC OFFICIAL EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT ARAB COUNTRIES HAD FINALLY ABANDONED POLICY

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OF UNIQUELY BILATERAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN LEBANESE SITUATION

AND, IN PART THROUGH EFFORTS OF ARAB LEAGUE, WERE
BEGINNING TO CHANNEL AID THROUGH ICRC TO COMBATANTS.
THIS IS EVIDENTLY FIRST CONCRETE MANIFESTATION OF
THIS CHANGE. ISSLER PROMISED TO KEEP MISSION POSTED
AS TO FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, ESPECIALLY FROM ARAB
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